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FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 2, 1880.

The School Board.

Bills paid—Report on New School Buildings
and Reorganization of Schools—Debate
on the Proposed Plan—The State
Appropriation.

The January stated meeting of the board
of directors of the Lancaster school district
was held in common council chamber last
evening. The following members were
present: Messrs. D. G. Baker, Brosius,
Carpenter, Cochran, Eberman, Frisman,
Evans, Geissinger, D. Hartman, J. I. Hart-
man, Jackson, Johnston, Levergood, Mar-
shall, Morton, Reimsnyder, Rhoads,
Richards, Schmidt, Schwybel, Samson,
Smeych, Slaymaker, Snyder, Spurrier,
Teisley, C. Zecher, Geo. W. Zecher,
Warfel, president.

A few of the monthly reports of the
visiting committees were presented, and
these were not read.

Mr. Evans, from the finance committee,
reported the following bills which were
ordered to be paid: Levi Powl, repairing
fences, cleaning cellars, &c., \$7.37; Huber
& Erisman, carpenter work and hauling,
\$5.25; Henry Smith, load of wood, \$1;
Isaac L. Landis, two loads of coals, \$8;
Chas. Dean, salary as janitor, \$9; Geo. F.
K. Erisman, blackboard rubbers, \$2.40;
Henry Rosh, hauling, \$2.05; Joseph Sam-
son, brushes, \$7.15; Samuel S. Martin,
recording deed, \$2.75; Lancaster gas com-
pany for gas, \$21.60; Chas. H. Barr, books
and stationery, \$7.49.

Mr. Evans also presented a bill from
Sarah Mulberry, of Chatham, asking to
have refunded \$12.60 paid by her parents
for one quarter's tuition in the high school,
she having attended but one day and her
parents wishing her to return home. It
was ordered that the amount paid be re-
funded if the young lady's statement be
correct.

Mr. Samson, from the girls' night school
committee, reported that one of the
teachers had been dismissed in conse-
quence of the small attendance of pupils.

Rev. Geissinger, from the special com-
mittee appointed to report on the erection
of new school houses, reported as fol-
lows:

LANCASTER, PA., JAN. 1, 1880.

To the President and Members of the Lancaster
City School Board:

GENTLEMEN: The committee appointed
at the last stated meeting of the board to
consider the subject of new school houses
for Lancaster city, with instructions to sub-
mit a plan for the systematic location and
erection of the same, having as carefully
and fully attended to the important matter
committed to them, they cheerfully and
could, would respectfully report the fol-
lowing items, together with the principal
reasons for their adoption by the commit-
tee, as the result of their labors.

1. The present arrangement of the Lan-
caster city school district into four divi-
sions formed by the intersection of King
and Queen streets at Centre square shall
be retained. This arrangement of the dis-
trict into four divisions is perhaps the best
that could be made. It is natural. The
boundaries are plain. The divisions are
not greatly unequal. The enrollment of
primary and secondary pupils in these re-
spective divisions is as follows: North-
west, 828; Northeast, 633; Southeast,
681; Southwest, 718.

2. Ample school accommodation shall
be provided in each respective division for
all the primary and secondary pupils who
reside within the limits of said division.
The advantages of having school accom-
modations in each building for both the pri-
mary and secondary pupils of said division
who are not already or may not hereafter
be otherwise provided for. The erection of
four new buildings, one in each of the four
divisions of the city—not of equal capaci-
ty, but of such capacity in each case as the
circumstances may require—is, in the
opinion of the committee, the most practi-
cal and economical plan for providing ac-
commodations for the pupils of the pri-
mary and secondary departments of our pub-
lic schools, and also for improving the or-
ganization and increasing the efficiency of
these schools. In the southeast division
it would not be necessary for the new
building to have accommodation for more
than 550 pupils.

3. The new buildings shall be erected
upon sites already in possession of the
board, in so far as these sites may be
deemed eligible. Upon investigation your
committee find that perhaps the most eligi-
ble sites for school houses in the different
divisions, which are available, are the
present in possession of the board. The
lot on Lemon and Lime streets, in the
Northeast division in a central locality of
the division has an extent of 122 by 218
feet. The lot on South Duke street, in the
Southeast division, has an extent of
150 by 236 feet. The lot on West Chest-
nut street, in the Northwest division, has
an extent of 102 by 266 feet. The lot on
Dinah's Hill, in the Southwest division,
has an extent of 127 by 268 feet. These
lots, though not perhaps as large as might
be desired, are yet large enough for the
buildings proposed.

5. The new buildings shall all be con-
structed on the single room plan. They
shall be two stories high. The rooms for
the primary schools shall have a capacity
for 60 pupils, with a floor surface of each
pupil of at least 9 square feet. The rooms
for the secondary schools shall have a ca-
pacity for 50 pupils, with a floor surface of
at least 13 square feet. All the school
rooms shall be furnished with single seats
and desks for each pupil, and in the con-
struction of the buildings special attention
shall be paid to the lighting, heating and
ventilation of all the apartments. The
members referred to in this item will, we
think, recommend themselves to every
thoughtful and sincere friend of the chil-
dren of the public schools. There is no
doubt in the minds of your committee that
the foundations of disease, and of moral as
well as physical wretchedness, are often
laid in the uncomfortable appointments,
unequal temperature and vitiated atmos-
phere of public school rooms. We believe
also that great advantages in regard to or-
der, discipline and efficient work will re-
sult from having not only single rooms for
the separate schools, but also single desks
and seats for the scholars.

6. The first new building shall be erected
in the Northeast division, on the lot now

owned by the board and located on the
northwest corner of Lime and Lemon
streets.

After a very careful consideration
of the whole field, your committee are of
the opinion that the erection of the first
new building in the Northeast division will
best meet and relieve the immediate neces-
sities of the present circumstances. The
Northeast division, with 237 secondary
pupils, has no secondary school at all. The
location of the building, at Lime and Lemon
streets, is such that the secondary pu-
pils, as well as some of the primary pu-
pils from the northeast portion of the North-
west division, can conveniently accom-
modated in it until the new building con-
templated in this plan is erected in the
Northeast division. Thus we believe that
the Northwest division could be easily re-
lieved to such an extent as to make the
Prince Street building ample in its accom-
modation for all the secondary pupils re-
quiring within that division. If the first
building is located in the Northeast division
the Southeast division will also be relieved
sufficiently to warrant the withdrawal of
Miss Hart's school entirely, and the resolu-
tion of Mr. Gates's school from its very
inconvenient location to its former quar-
ters. We would also add that the lot on
Lemon street, on account of its extent, is
of all the sites in the city best adapted to
the immediate erecting of a new building.
The work could be commenced at once
without the purchase of a foot of ground
and without disturbing the schools.

7. The building to be erected at Lime
and Lemon streets shall contain 12 rooms,
with an aggregate minimum capacity for
600 pupils. A building with 12 rooms, and
a capacity for at least 600 pupils will not
be too large. The extent of the lot is suf-
ficient for a building of that size. The
pupils enrolled from that division at pres-
ent number 681, and then we should re-
member, but for the future.

8. As the necessity may arise other
school buildings of required capacity
shall be erected, on the same general plan
of the four large buildings, in districts
which are so situated as to make the cen-
tral or main building of the division easily
accessible, and without the necessity of
crossing or inconvenient access. By this
item it will be seen that the plan submit-
ted in this report contemplates that there
shall be ultimately two school buildings
in each division for primary and secondary
pupils. In the southeast division an
additional building of such dimensions as
may be required. In the Southeast divi-
sion on Rockland street, and in the North-
east division at Prince and Chestnut streets
these second buildings are already erected.
In the Northwest and Southwest divisions it
will doubtless be found necessary in a few
years to have second building of a similar
character.

9. As rapidly as the new buildings pro-
vided for in this plan are completed the
primary and secondary schools of Lan-
caster city shall be reorganized on the single
room plan with one teacher for each room.

Appreciating the great importance of
this whole subject, the consideration of
which ought to have occupied our serious
attention long ago, your committee would
most earnestly urge upon the board the
necessity of prompt and efficient action.
Let the plan herewith submitted be
thoroughly discussed and either approved
or made to give place to something better.
It is a humiliating fact that Lancaster
city, the pioneer in the great public school
movement, should in many respects be so
far behind in the condition and appoint-
ments of her own schools. The true educa-
tion of the children of the community is
being fast going to be looked after and
carefully attended to. No other inter-
est, private or public, takes precedence of
it. It is the first duty which comes to
the man or the citizen.

In view, therefore, of the vast impor-
tance of the work before us, your com-
mittee beg the members of the board to
thoroughly and promptly to consider all
the matters referred to in this report,
which is herewith very respectfully sub-
mitted.

D. H. GEISSINGER,
W. McCORMY,
H. Z. RHODS,
T. B. COCHRAN.

Mr. Spurrier moved that the report be
adopted, and the suggestions and recom-
mendations of the committee be approved.

Mr. D. G. Baker said he heartily ap-
proved of the plan recommended by the
committee, except that part which pro-
posed single rooms. This feature of the
plan he had not given sufficient considera-
tion to form an opinion whether or not it
would be an improvement on the combined
plan now in use.

Mr. John I. Hartman approved of some
things that the committee recommended,
but he was opposed to that feature which
proposed the centralizing of the schools at
one location. He believed this part of the
plan to be costly and unwise, and he knew
it would be inconvenient. Many of the
little children would be obliged to walk five
or six squares or more, to the proposed
central school house, and to carry out the
plan in full as proposed by the committee
would involve a cost of \$50,000 or \$100,000.
But whatever might be thought of the
plan, the matter is an important one
and deserves careful discussion before
action is taken. He moved to postpone the
matter for one month.

Rev. Geissinger said he had no objection
to having the matter postponed, but he
would like to have some discussion and
interchange of views at the present time.
The committee had very carefully consid-
ered the points to which Mr. Hartman had
objected. Each of the four divisions is
one mile square, and a school house near
its centre of population will be more con-
venient to a great number of pupils than if
located anywhere else; besides, as will be
seen by the report just read, it is proposed
eventually to erect other school houses as
the population increases, to accommodate
pupils living at too great distance from
the central school house. As to the cost,
it is not proposed to build more than one
school house at present, and one will have
to be built somewhere to relieve the schools
that are now overcrowded. The commit-
tee recommend the Lemon street lot for the
reasons stated in the report.

Mr. Eberman said that in view of the
fact that the plan proposed involved an al-
most entire change in our present school
organization, and further, as two promi-
nent members of the board who have given
the matter much thought are absent on ac-
count of death in their families, he thought
it would be best to postpone the consid-
eration of the subject till next meeting.

Mr. Geissinger asked leave to make the
tabulated statement of the enrollment of
pupils (printed in yesterday's INTELLIGENCER)
a part of the committee's report.

Rev. Reimsnyder heartily endorsed
the report of the committee with the ex-
ception of the single room plan and on that
his mind was undecided.

Mr. Rhoads had disapproved the single
room plan until he had interviewed a num-
ber of teachers, all of whom favored it and
pointed out its advantages, especially as
regards the undivided responsibility of the
teachers and the consequent better
discipline of the schools.

Mr. Erisman stated that under our pres-
ent system there is always a pressure of
pupils on the lower divisions, both in the
primary and secondary schools. Frequent-
ly the lowest division contains more pupils
than all the other, and it is impossible for
the second assistant appointed to teach
them to do justice to so many scholars.
While the lower divisions are over-
crowded, it often happens that the higher
divisions are not full; the vacant seats in
these divisions are then given to pupils of
the lower divisions and thus the classes are
disarranged, and confusion ensues. Much
time is lost in the present plan, by trans-
ferring classes from the study hall to the
class room, and back again to the study
hall. All this would be avoided by the
single room plan. The pressure on the
lower divisions would also be avoided, for
each division would occupy its own room,
say, with 50 or 60 single desks, and as soon
as these become too full another room can be
opened and another teacher appointed. As
at present organized, with three teachers
in one school, there is a divided respon-
sibility and sometimes a difference of opin-
ion as to discipline. By the single room
plan this will be avoided, and each teacher
will be responsible for the discipline of his
or her own room. Another advan-
tage of the proposed plan is that it
adds an incentive to pupils to
secure promotion. Those who are
now in primary or secondary schools if
asked what school they attend invariably
name the principal of the school, though
they may not be in the principal's classes.
Thus dull pupils frequently plod on in the
lower classes for several years, but all the
time in Miss So-and-so's school. By the
adoption of the single-room plan, they will
see their classmates being transferred not
only to higher classes, but to other teach-
ers in other school rooms, and they will
naturally exert themselves to accompany
them.

Mr. Brosius said the single-room plan
was in use in Philadelphia, Boston, Chic-
ago and other cities, and had been found
to work well. Mr. Brosius described at
some length the comprehensive system of
education adopted by the Chicago school
authorities.

The motion to postpone the further
consideration of the matter for one month was
then put and carried.

Dr. Levergood, from the special com-
mittee to revise rules, reported progress
and said the committee would make a final
report two months hence.

Mr. Johnston inquired of the president
and secretary whether they had received
any information from the state superin-
tendent as to whether he had drawn or
when he intended to draw his warrant for
the state appropriation due Lancaster school
district.

Mr. Evans moved that the secretary be
directed to write to Dr. Wickersham,
state superintendent, and inform him that
the board demand him to comply with the
law and draw his warrant on the state
treasurer for the amount of the state ap-
propriation due Lancaster school district,
and forward said warrant to the board.

The motion was unanimously adopted.
Adjourned.

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